

# MEMORIAL

OF

SUNDRY CITIZENS OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,

PRAYING

*That a Charter may be granted by Congress,*

TO ENABLE THEM TO INSTITUTE

**A Medical College, &c.**

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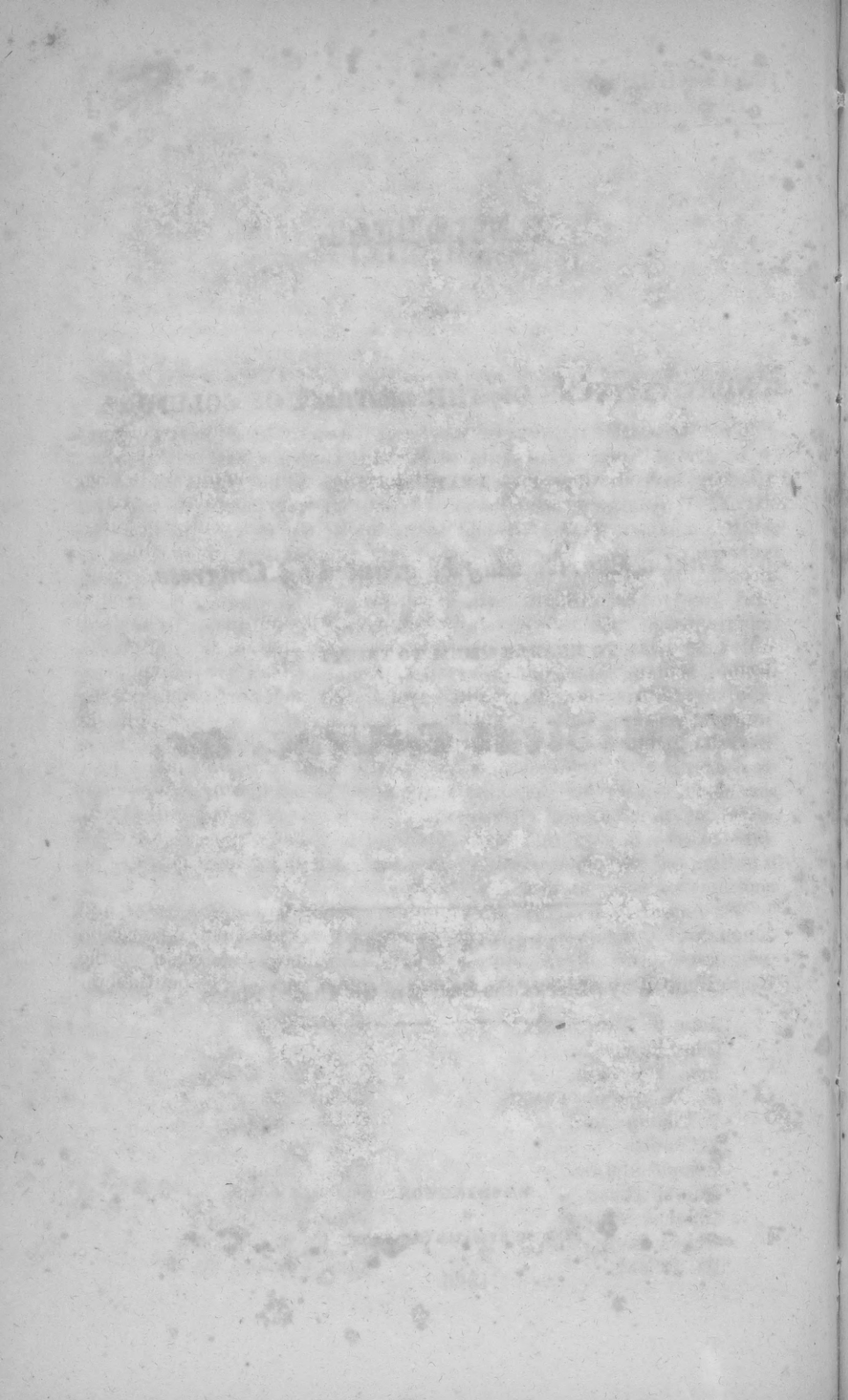
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*To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States in Congress assembled.*

Your Memorialists, deeply impressed with a sense of the advantages to be derived from well regulated Medical Colleges, and believing the time has arrived when such an institution should be commenced in the city of Washington, come forward to petition your honorable body for such a charter as may enable them the better to execute this important purpose. Your memorialists would not occupy your time by a recital of the many advantages to society, from the diffusion of medical knowledge, through medical schools. The common sense and experience of mankind have alike confirmed their utility. They will only then delay your honorable body to remark, that the city of Washington, from its central and interesting position in the Union, from its rapid increase in science, in wealth, in population, in domestic and foreign interest, requires such an establishment at this time. That while the State Legislatures are granting charters, and affording other assistance for several of their Medical Schools, with great propriety has it been presumed might the National Legislature be applied to for a similar object at the National Metropolis. At Washington exists the great inter-communion of this vast Country; it is here that science and intelligence can most readily converge, and again most readily be radiated to every section of our Union.

We forbear to trespass more upon the attention of Congress, and conclude, by the assurance that the desire to see Medical instruction originated upon a broad, liberal, and dignified basis, one worthy of the Capital of the American People, is the sole motive of your petitioners.

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